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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Monday, 28 September 1998*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10.30 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Croatia (S/1998/887)

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations (S/1998/883)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1998/891)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION
(UNSCOM)

*Sixteenth session*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed session | Conference Room 7 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed session | Conference Room 7 |

**Announcement**

The Security Council will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m., at which it will consider the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations (S/1998/883).

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-third session*

10 a.m. 17th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Brunei Darussalam

Malaysia

Philippines

Oman

Singapore

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Said Musa, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize

San Marino

Tunisia

3 p.m. 18th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. James Michel, Vice-President of the Seychelles

United Republic of Tanzania

Antigua and Barbuda

Palestine, address by His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat

Kazakhstan

Algeria

Gambia

Kyrgyzstan

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Croatia

Belarus

**Committees**

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1p.m. | 1st meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 2nd meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Death and disability benefits (A/C.5/53/16)
2. Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/53/335 and Add.1)
3. Draft report

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

There will be informal consultations on United Nations guidelines for sustainable consumption, to be chaired by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. *in Conference Room 5* and on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

**Announcement**

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Monday, 28 September 1998*

GROUP OF 77
*(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

ARAB GROUP
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

*Ad Hoc Committee on Afghanistan*

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

*Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC)
*(Meeting of Foreign Ministers)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
*(Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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**Announcement**

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 29 September 1998*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-third session*

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Malta

Togo

Syrian Arab Republic

Azerbaijan

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Fiji

Turkmenistan

Sudan

3 p.m. 20th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Nepal

Samoa

Saudi Arabia

Mauritania

Benin

Hungary

Andorra

Afghanistan

Barbados

Kenya

**Committees**

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. | 3rd meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. | 4th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

*Briefing*

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d) (External debt crisis and development) on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC-2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

*Executive briefing*

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

*Briefing*

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and is available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON COORDINATION

The twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will take place on 28 and 29 September and the IACSD Task Force on National Strategies for Sustainable Development on 30 September 1998, in Conference Room VIII at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

***General debate***
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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## Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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## Briefings

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The birefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Thursday, 24 September 1998*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-third session

14th plenary meeting

*Address by H. E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador*

H. E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by H. E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova*

H. E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by H. E. Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

H. E. Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

His Serene Highness Crown Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H. E. Mr. Lamine Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea.

H. E. Mr. Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister, President of the Council of Ministers of the Lebanese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mrs. Zdenka Kramplová, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H. E. Mr. Jozias van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Netherlands; H. E. Mr. Theodoros Pangalos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H. E. Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, and H. E. Mr. Roberto Robaina González, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine, the representatives of Iraq, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Spain.

*Friday, 25 September 1998*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-third session

15th plenary meeting

*Address by H.E. Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia*

H.E. Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia, addressed the General Assembly.

*Address by H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus*

H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard a statements by H.E. The Rt. Hon. Donald Charles McKinnon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Hong Soon-young, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Jacques Poos, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cooperation of Luxembourg; H.E. The Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; and H.E. Mr. Indrek Tarand, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

16th plenary meeting

*Note*: The summary of the 16th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/186).

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**Convention on the Rights of the Child**

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1998

485th and 486th meetings

*Consideration of reports of States parties* [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Bolivia (CRC/C/65/Add.1).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Rome, 13 June 1976*

*Accession*: Kazakhstan (25 September 1998)*

*International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997*

*Signature*: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

*Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, Jamaica, 27 March 1998*

*Signature*: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

*Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997*

*Signature*: Republic of Korea (25 September 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997*

*Signature*: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

*United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994*

*Accession*: Tonga (25 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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### Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

*Asian States:*
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

*Eastern European States:*
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

*Western European and Other States:*
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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